

**At a glance**

- Nursery classes for one year olds and two-three year olds opening March 7th.
- Limited capacity. Must register prior to Sunday morning.
- Temperature checks at the door as well as hands sanitized.
- Church covid procedures apply in all areas of Aletheia Jr.
- Four year olds thru 5th grade will be open with outdoor services.

**Why are we opening up Aletheia Jr?**

As Aletheia Church has been open during the pandemic, the age group that has had the most difficulty with engaging in the sermon is our one to three year olds. Our hope in opening these rooms first, will allow for our families to utilize the rooms so their children may engage in age appropriate activities while parents are able to focus, worship, learn, and engage with the service. In the two and three year old room, engaging lessons and activities pertaining to a bible lesson will be taught. Our hope is that it serves families that have been hesitant to attend because they worry their little one(s) would distract others from worship.

**Volunteer expectations:**

Volunteers are expected to adhere to the safety guidelines as outlined in the Aletheia Church [reopening plan](#). All volunteers are expected to wear a mask at all times. Prior to entering the classroom, all volunteers will have their temperature checked and are expected to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer and cleaning items will be provided in the classroom to be used throughout the morning.

Volunteers are committed to serving one service per month. Volunteers should be upstairs, ready to serve, by 8:45 am. We will promptly begin the morning by praying together, then we will move tables and chairs to the side of the room.

From 9:00 am to 9:10 am, volunteers will spray and wipe door knobs, mats, and rugs prior to children being permitted into the classroom. Bins of toys will be placed on a table prior to the volunteers arrival. Each bin will contain several toys for each child. If toys are placed in a child's mouth while in use, toys should be thoroughly sprayed and wiped once the child is finished playing. Each child will have their own bin of toys.

Due to our ratios and security reasons, if an adult needs to leave the room for any reason, the security person is to be called to the door to be the second person in the room. The security person will stand just outside the room but be able to see all that is happening in the room.

**Monitoring Symptoms:**

We're asking that if you, or anyone in your home, have had the following symptoms in the past 14 days, you please remain at home and participate by watching our livestream at 11:00. Please let us know and ask the other volunteers in your classroom for coverage.

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Severe congestion/runny nose
- Diarrhea/upset tummy/vomiting
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Loss of taste or smell
- Known exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or FLU, or who is awaiting test results.

**Diaper changes**

- Diaper changes must be done with two adults present and open doors. ● Gloves are available and should be used.
- Sanitize the area after each diaper change and wash hands between children. If a sink is available, use soap and water. If the sink isn't available in the room, use hand sanitizer.

If the child is potty trained, parents should take their child to use the restroom prior to check-in. If an emergency arises and a child needs the restroom, security is to be called down the classroom door and one of the teachers may take the child to the single person bathroom and remain at the door while the child uses the restroom.

**Schedule for One year old classroom.**

9:10 - 9:25 - Arrival from families. Families will not be permitted to drop their child off if they did not register their child prior. A roster will be provided with the list of children who are registered. In the one year old room, we will allow 8 children maximum with two adults.

Caregivers are not allowed to enter the room. Maintaining as much distance as possible is important. Parents and children will have their temperature checked, prior to the child(ren) entering the classroom. Parents are to sit the child's diaper bag and cup next to the door and hand their child to the classroom greeter. The classroom greeter will take or lead the child to an area of the room, with their bin of toys. The diaper bag will be picked up and placed on a table, out of reach from other

children.

9:25 - 10:10 The children will play with their toys. Volunteers are permitted to watch children as they play and interact by reading books, rolling balls, etc. When reading to the children, it would be best to sit in a chair and have the children spaced on the floor, standing or sitting as you read. If a child is needing to be picked up, volunteers are permitted to hold the child.

10:10-10:15, Clean up - placing toys back in the child's bin to be thoroughly cleaned.

10:15-10:30 Snack time. Clean all hands with sanitizer prior to giving out snacks. Children will sit on a carpet square with their sippy cups that parents provide and have a snack of goldfish (unless parents provide a different snack or need a dairy free snack, then animal crackers can be given). Once snack time is over for each child, please place diaper bags outside the classroom door for parents to pick up once they arrive.

10:30 - 10:40 Music and pickup from parents. One volunteer can lead music and dancing while the other cleans any remaining toys and watches for parents. Peel stickers off each child and retrieve the parent tag from each parent as you hand the child over the gate to their parent. The parent tag is to be placed on that day's roster. **\*\*Children should not be released to parents without the stickers being removed.\*\***

**Clean up-** After all the parents have come to get their children, volunteers will sanitize ALL toys and place them back in bins and placed in the Aletheia Jr. storage closet. Aletheia Jr. tables and chairs should also be wiped down prior to storage. Classroom tables, light switches and door knobs are to be sprayed and wiped. Tables and chairs will be placed back in their original locations for the classroom teacher.

### **Schedule for our 2-3 year old classroom**

9:10 - 9:25 - Arrival from families. Families will not be permitted to drop their child off if they did not register their child prior. A roster will be provided with the list of children that are registered. In the 2-3 year old room, we will allow 10 children maximum with two adults.

Caregivers are not allowed to enter the room. Maintaining as much distance as possible is important. Parents and children will have their temperature checked, prior to the child(ren) entering the classroom. Parents are to sit the child's diaper

bag and cup next to the door and hand their child to the classroom greeter. The greeter will take or lead the child to an area of the room, with their bin of toys. The diaper bag will be picked up and placed on a table, out of reach from other children.

9:25 - 9:45 The children will play with their assigned toys. Volunteers are permitted to watch volunteers as they play and interact by reading books, rolling balls, etc. When reading to the children, it would be best to sit in a chair and have the children spaced on the floor, standing or sitting as you read.

9:50-9:55 - Clean up. The children and adults will place toys in bins and place on a table out of reach. These toys are to be thoroughly cleaned and wiped prior to being used again.

9:55 - 10:10 - Story and songs. The adult will read the story from our curriculum as children listen. Please try to have children spaced out on the rug area. Pray with the children.

10:10 - 10:20 Coloring sheet. Each child will have a basket of crayons for their use. Chairs for the table will be spread out - so children can maintain a distance from one another.

10:20-10:30 - Snack time. Prior to handing out snacks, all hands need to be sanitized. Children are to remain in their seated area until they are finished eating. Once children are done, they throw away their paper towel and may then return to a carpet square and look at books.

10:30 - 10:40 Music and pickup from parents. One volunteer can lead music and dancing while the other cleans toys and watches for parents. Peel stickers off each child and retrieve the parent tag from each parent as you hand the child over the gate to their parent. The parent tag is to be placed on that day's roster. **\*\*Children should not be released to parents without the stickers being removed.\*\***

**Clean up-** After all the parents have come to get their children, volunteers will sanitize ALL toys and place them back in bins and placed in the Aletheia Jr. storage closet. Aletheia Jr. tables and chairs should also be wiped down prior to storage. Classroom tables, light switches and door knobs are to be sprayed and wiped. Tables and chairs will be placed back in their original locations for the classroom teacher.

### **Outdoor Service Plan**

When we have an outdoor service, the first three Sundays (May, August and October

there will be an exception due to it having 5 Sundays), of the month, 4 year olds to 5th grade will have outside Aletheia Jr. All children and adults will be required to wear masks during their seated story, discussion, and craft time. Carpet squares or hula hoops will be set out to help keep children appropriately distanced from those around them. The last Sunday of the month is allocated for Family Worship.

Check-in begins at 10, all Volunteers must arrive by 9:45 for setup (tents and seating stations) and prayer. Check-in will be near the bathroom entrance to the church and all children will be gathered with their volunteer teachers and age groups. Name tags will be printed, temperatures checked, and hands sanitized.

During or after worship, volunteers will lead children to their allocated location for story, craft, discussions and snacks. Time on the playground may be allowed but children will need to keep masks on if they are within 6 feet of one another.

At 11:20, volunteers will walk children over to the side area of the auditorium for parent pickup. While waiting, make sure social distancing measures are taken.

All children from 4 years to 5th grade will use The Gospel Story curriculum. Parents will be given a short devotional to continue that Sunday's story and add to their at home discipleship. Devotions will be handed to parents when they arrive to allow for them to disciple their children along with what they are learning that week.

Children need to bring their church bag containing their art supplies for the extended activity. This eliminates the need for shared supplies.

Families will come collect their children following the worship service.